

- nose which is resiliently pretensioned into a closed position of the connecting snap-hook.
- 10.** The passenger bench seat according to claim **5**, wherein at least one second seatbelt-retaining element comprises a baseplate and also an eye, which is formed in the baseplate, for connecting the second seatbelt-retaining element to a belt element of the seatbelt.
- 11.** The passenger bench seat according to claim **1**, further comprising an armrest system which comprises, in a first configuration of the passenger bench seat, a first number of armrests which are arranged in first positions which are adapted to the first configuration of the passenger bench seat, and which armrest system comprises, in a second configuration of the passenger bench seat, a second number of armrests which are arranged in second positions which are adapted to the second configuration of the passenger bench seat.
- 12.** The passenger bench seat according to claim **11**, wherein the armrest system (**58**) comprises, in a third configuration of the passenger bench seat, a third number of

- armrests which are arranged in third positions which are adapted to the third configuration of the passenger bench seat.
- 13.** The passenger bench seat according to claim **11**, wherein the armrest system comprises at least one recess, which is constructed in the backrest of the passenger bench seat, for receiving an armrest, the recess being dimensioned such that it is capable of receiving the armrest so completely that a surface of the armrest which faces towards the seating surface of the seat element when the armrest is in a usable condition, is aligned flush with the backrest surface of the backrest when the armrest is in a condition in which it is received in the recess.
- 14.** The passenger bench seat according to claim **1**, wherein the backrest is equipped with a stiffening structure in the region of an edge that faces away from the seat element.
- 15.** A method of using a passenger bench seat according to claim **1** in an aircraft.

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